

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

1st Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Concerns of the Church

Prelude

"What Wondrous Love is This?"

arr. Manor

Alleluia Choir

Call to Worship

God does not remember us according to our sins and transgressions.

God remembers us according to God's own steadfast love!

The God of our salvation teaches us right paths and leads us in truth.

**All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness;
we put our trust in God.**

* Hymn 634

"To God Be the Glory"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession.

We do not live according to your ways,

but according to our own.

We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice,

and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others.

Forgive us, we pray, when we are tempted

to follow paths other than those you set before us.

Teach us your commandments;

help us to turn from evil in its many guises,

and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near.

In covenantal love, remember us, we pray,

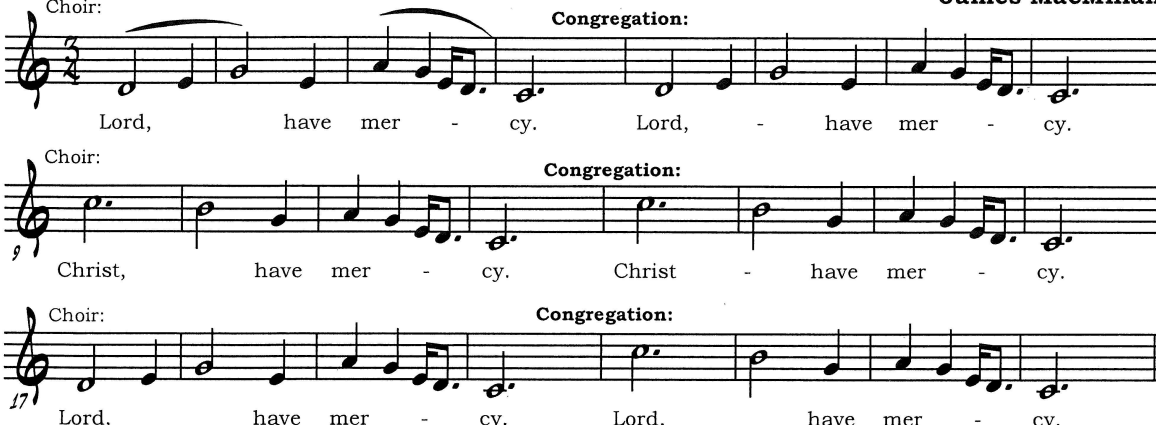
and be for us, once more and always,

an ark of safety and new life. In Christ's name we pray.

* Silent Confession

* Kyrie

James MacMillan



Choir: Lord, have mer - cy. Congregation: Lord, - have mer - cy.

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* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

Special Music

"Kyrie Eleison"

Mayo

Chapel Choir

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Genesis 9:8-17 (OT, p. 7)

Psalter: Psalm 25:1-10 (Hymnal 420)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Jesus Walked this Lonesome Highway" Spiritual, arr. Hornibeck

Epistle Lesson: 1 Peter 3:18-22 (NT, p. 234)

Sermon: "To Bring You To God"

Rev. Carter

Lenten sermon series: The Word of the Cross

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

- Offering
- Offertory
- * Doxology (606)
- * Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 833 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Congregational Amen (601)
- * Postlude

*All are invited to remain seated to listen to the postlude.
If you are leaving before it is finished, please do so quietly.*

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given in honor of our choir.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Members of Chapel and Alleluia Choirs
Ushers	Anne Rich, Joe Waters
Guest Musician	Mark Woodyatt

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